

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph.

[0023] Further, the buyer's environment is shown to include back end server **52**, and an intranet firewall **54**. From this environment, RFQ Pack **22** is issued to an SOL server **56** which provides a web site portal **57** to the SOL system. SOL server **56** makes an RFQ available to suppliers who are provided access to the RFQ Pack **22** through internet firewall **58**. The supplier **60** may communicate to the buyer through web site portal **57** to submit its reply to the issued RFQ Pack. The firewall architecture described in FIGURE 3, permits the viewing, printing, and downloading of engineering documents **62**, business documents 64 and other documents over the internet to intranet or extranet systems for approved registered suppliers. Thus, the security feature of the present embodiment includes both a protected intranet server **52** (i.e. back end SOL server **52**) and a protected internet server SOL server **56**.